

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Entry of the above amendments is courteously requested in order to place all claims in this application in allowable condition and/or to place the non-allowed claims in better condition for consideration on appeal.

Claims 1 through 18 remain in this application. Claims 4 have been cancelled. No claims have been withdrawn or added.

Paragraph 1 through 3 of the Office Action

Claims 6 and 7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Johanson in view of Hu.

Claims 1 through 3, 5 and 9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Johanson in view of Hu and further in view of Griffith.

Claim 8 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Johanson in view of Hu and further in view of Griffith and further in view of Isomura.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the requirements of claim 4, which was indicated as being allowable, and therefore claim 1, as well as claims 2, 3, and 5 through 9, are submitted to be in condition for allowance.

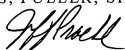
Withdrawal of the §103(a) rejection of claims 1 through 3 and 5 through 9 is therefore respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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